

# **Black Creek Watershed Coalition**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **August 29, 2013**

**Location:** Genesee County Park and Forest Interpretive Center  
11095 Bethany Center Road, East Bethany, NY 14054

**Attendance:** Roberta Ames, Churchville Planning Board; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning; Dorothy Borgus, Town Of Chili Resident; Kevin Donovan, Village of Bergen; Peggy Grayson, Town of Stafford, GLOW SWMC; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili Highway Dept; Judy Spring, Genesee County Soil and Water; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Dena Van Curran, Conservation Connects; Larry VerWeire, Riga resident; Lyle Warren, Churchville Zoning Board of Appeal.

#### **Introductions:**

- Were made and meeting minutes of July 31, 2013 were discussed and approved.
- Last month's minutes footer should say 7/31/13.
- Spelling correction under NFP should be accommodate and wadeable.
- **A.I. George Squires will make the above changes.**
- Minutes accepted and approved at 6:10 p.m.

#### **Recent/ Upcoming Events:**

- **Churchville Lions Club Country Fair** – Was Saturday, Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m., - 9:00 p.m and Sunday Aug. 11, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. G Squires said people showed up early and added 2 people to the mailing list that both reside in Churchville. The residents are concerned about sediment in creek and want it dredged out, and suggested land along creek be preserved for wildlife habitat. **A.I. George will send L VerWeire names of the 2 Churchville residents.** Also some people were distracted at the event with the Lumberjack festival that was occurring nearby. L Warren mentioned that the bench that was put at the Monroe Boat Launch by Churchville Park was being used.
- **Lake Ontario Ecosystem Forum** – Was August 15, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Port of Rochester terminal building. L VerWeire attended both forums, the other being at SUNY Oswego, and said not many people attended. He passed around the presentation and the public was happy about the Lake Sturgeon sightings.
- **W.A.V.E.** – P Lent and L VerWeire attended. L VerWeire did go to training and brought an example of a sample of macroinvertebrates. Around 30 people showed up and 16 kick-nets were distributed.

**By-Laws Changes:**

- L. Warren made By-Laws similar to Oatka Creek (501-C3). Mentioned a certain structure needs to be followed in order for 501-C3 and IRS. Changes that were made are in handouts. Need to establish Board of Directors (between 3-31 people), and vote Officers into place, and to finalize By-Laws. G Squires spoke with Julia Garver who established 501-C3 for ACORNS. volunteers group at the Genesee County Park. The B.O.D. is the largest change in By-Laws. L VanWeire mentioned that it should be titled coalition not committee, so change was noted. **A.I. Under Section 4, Finance Committee should be changed to at least three directors instead of five. Section 17 under Compensation, the period needs to be removed in the beginning and correct spelling of “therefore”. A.I. D Borgus motioned to review the By-Laws for questioning and revising before next meeting, motion was carried all in favor.**

**Watershed Planning Update:** Carrie J. Randall is new planner for Genesee FL Planning.

**Nominating Committee Election of Officers:** **A.I. Motion by R Bell that a vote is done at meeting and L VerWeire called a vote and all was in favor to accept the listing officers as:**

- Larry VerWeire as Chair.
- D Borgus as Vice Chair.
- L Warren as Treasurer.
- D Van Curran as Secretary.

**Upper Black Creek TMDL Update:** G Squires said that Steve Gladding and Ron Entringer from Albany D.E.C. will release draft of TMDL in a couple weeks for P levels and a handout was passed out. S Gladding and R Entringer suggested a P level of 70 mg/L. The handout states that the P level be a 50% reduction, but the level of P level seen in Black Creek last year needs to be revealed. There was no flow for 2 weeks last year so G Squires is concerned about the data. However, biomonitoring was carried out. Targeting sewage treatment facilities for Byron was mentioned. EPA has to approve the whole process. G Squires discussed intent for Trees for Tribs Grant as a potential grant source for implementation of riparian buffers and passed out info about it.

**Presentation of Genesee County Park & Forest – Black Creek “Headwaters”**

Interesting and informative slide show/video was presented on Black Creek Headwaters.

**Other:** J Spring passed out brochures for ACORNS and GCP Interpretive Nature Center:

- September 21, 2013 is Geo Caching at Center.
- October 26, 2013 is all about Bats.

**Parking Lot:**

- IMA expires 12/31/13
- Info Card needs more discussing.
- Black Creek Trail Feasibility Study.

**Next Meeting:**

- Monday September 30, 2013 at 5:30 in Churchville, NY, location TBD.
- **A.I. R Bell will invite Tom Kicior and Carrie J. Randall to next meeting.**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.